

REMARKS

Claims 8, 9 and 13-18 are pending in the application. The examiner indicated that claims 8, 9, 13 and 14 were allowed/allowable.

These claims and sections of the application were rejected as follows:

Claims / Section	35 U.S.C. Sec.	References / Notes
Drawings	Objection	• Highlighted version submitted
Specification	Objection	• Typographical errors
8	Objection	• Typographical errors
15-18	§112, second paragraph	• Omission of essential elements

5

Applicant has amended claims 8 and 15 as well as the Specification in accordance with the recommendations of the Examiner, and has further submitted formal drawings with this amendment.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability of the
10 claims and for the thorough review and helpful suggestions to put this application in a condition for allowance.

Applicant has submitted formal drawings attached as an appendix to this amendment without highlighting and incorporating all previous drawing amendments. The typographical errors in the specification paragraphs indicated
15 by the Examiner and in claim 8 have been corrected as indicated by the Examiner, and the limitations of claim 8 comprising the essential elements of claim 15 have been added to claim 15 in the preamble as indicated by the Examiner in the first full paragraph of p. 4 of the OA.

CONCLUSION

Inasmuch as each of the objections have been overcome by the amendments, and all of the Examiner's suggestions and requirements have been satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the present application be reconsidered, the rejections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

 (Reg. No. 45,877)

Mark Bergner
SCHIFF HARDIN & WAITE
PATENT DEPARTMENT
6600 Sears Tower
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6473
(312) 258-5779
Attorney for Applicants
Customer Number 26574

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 16, 2003.


Mark Bergner Attorney for Applicants

Appl. No. 10/030,856

Reply to Office Action of September 24, 2003

**APPENDIX
SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**